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Applicant : Bin Zhao
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Title : Interleaver Using Spatial Birefringent Elements

Grp./Div. : 2872
Examiner : Craig Curtis
Client Matter : CIR1.PAU.03

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 06, 2003, please amend the above
identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 25-33 as follows:

25. (new) An interleaver comprising:

a birefringent element assembly comprising at least one spatial birefringent
element, the birefringent element assembly providing two output components;

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